GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department – Surprise check proceedings conducted on 08.09.2020 by the Anti Corruption Bureau officials on the allegations against the officials, O/o.Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Gudivada Division, Krishna District, who are indulging in corrupt practices – Charges framed – Appointment of Sri S.Vidya Sagar, Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department (FAC), Vijayawada as Inquiry Officer and Sri N.Srinivasu, Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada as Presenting Officer under Rule 20(2) and 20(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 65 **Dated: 03-02-2025**

Read the following:

1. Lr.Rc.No.110/DES-VK1/2020-S.9, dt.29.03.2023 of DG, ACB, Vijayawada.
2. G.O.Ms.No.72, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.19-09-2023.
3. G.O.Rt.No.563, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.19-09-2023.
4. G.O.Rt.No.855, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.01-12-2023.
5. G.O.Rt.No.846-854, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.01-12-2023.
6. Letter No.Vig(1)/RWS&S/201733/2020, dt.05.03.2024 of ENC, RWS&S, Vijayawada received on 15.03.2024.
7. Letter No.Vig(II)/RWS&S/201733/2020, dt.13.03.2024 of ENC, RWS&S, Vijayawada received on 22.03.2024.
8. Letter No.Vig(II)/RWS&S/201733/2020 , dt.29.05.2024 of ENC, RWS&S, Vijayawada.
9. Order, dt.19.04.2024 of Hon'ble High Court of A.P. in W.P.No.8896 of 2024 filed by Sri Karna Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Gudivada Division, Krishna District (now Retd.)
10. Govt. Memo No.2429829/Vig.VI/2023, dt.13.12.2024.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, Final Report has been received from the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau in Surprise Check Proceedings conducted by the Anti Corruption Bureau officials on the allegations against the officials of the O/o.Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Gudivada Division, Krishna District, who are indulging in corrupt practices. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has recommended for initiation of departmental action against Sri K.Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Gudivada (now Retd.) and eight (8) others, for payment of bribe amount in response to the phone calls received from the fake Anti Corruption Bureau authorities etc. and subsequent findings during the surprise check proceedings held on 08-09-2020 in the office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Gudivada, Krishna District, in violation of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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2. Accordingly, Government vide GO 4th read above, initiated common proceedings in respect of the following in service persons duly framing Article of Charges vide GO 5th read above.

i. Sri Ch. Padmaraju, Divisional Accounts Officer (Works)
ii. Smt Choppala Anuradha, Assistant Executive Engineer
iii. Smt. N. Sri Vidya, Assistant Executive Engineer
iv. Smt. T. Vara Lakshmi, Assistant Technical Officer
v. Sri Ayyanki Srinivasa Rao, Technical Officer
vi. Sri Jupudi Srinivas, Senior Assistant
vii. Kum. Kambampati Kanakadurga, Junior Assistant
viii. Sri Chitturi Sridhar, Technical Assistant

3. In the GO 2nd read above, sanction is accorded in respect of Sri K.Venkateswara Rao, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Gudivada as he was retired from service and Article of Charges were framed against him vide GO 3rd read above.

4. In the letters 6th to 8th read above, dated acknowledgements of the Article of Charges served on the Charged Officers and Written Statements of Defence submitted by all Nine (09) Charged Officers have been received.

5. In the reference 9th read above, the Charged Officer, Sri K.Venkateswara Rao, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department (Retd) has filed W.P.No.8896/2024 against the charges framed against him and the Hon’ble APHC made the following order:

> "Having considered the nature of the Charges, this Court, prima facie, is of the view that the balance of convenience lies in favour of the Writ Petitioner. Accordingly, the Charge Memo, dated 19.09.2023 (Ex.P3) shall stand suspended until further orders.
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6. In the reference 10th read above, Government have filed Counter along with stay vacate petition before the Hon’ble APHC to avoid further legal complications in the matter. But the case in W.P.No.8896/2024 is still pending before the Hon'ble APHC.

7. Keeping in view of the court directions and further disciplinary procedure pending against other Charged officers, Government have decided to continue the disciplinary case in respect of the Charged Officers except Sri K.Venkateswara Rao, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department and now retired.

8. After examining the written statements of defense, submitted by the Charged Officers mentioned at Para 2 above, Government have decided to conduct regular departmental inquiry against the Charged Officers on the charges framed against them and accordingly hereby appoint Sri S.Vidya Sagar, Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department (FAC), Vijayawada as Inquiry Officer under Rule 20(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991, to conduct detailed Inquiry into the charges framed against Sri Ch. Padmaraju, Divisional Accounts Officer (Works) and Seven (07) other Charged Officers.

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9. Government also hereby appoint Sri N.Srinivasu, Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Officer, appointed in para (5) above, on behalf of the Government, under Rule 20(5)(C) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

10. The Presenting Officer who well acquaint himself with the facts of the case and present the case before the Inquiry Officer effectively. He is also requested to obtain and produce all necessary documents required by the Inquiry Officer, during the course of inquiry of the case.

11. The Inquiry Officer is requested to conduct Inquiry strictly in terms of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 and submit his report within three (03) months, under rules in G.O.Ms.No.91, General Administration (SC.F) Department, dt.12.09.2022. Copies of Charge Memos issued to the Charged Officers and Written statements of defense submitted by them are furnished herewith to the Inquiry Officer as required under Rule 20(7) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri S.Vidya Sagar, Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department (FAC), Vijayawada and Inquiry Officer (W.e.)
Sri N.Srinivasu, Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada and Presenting Officer.
The individuals through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.

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The OSD to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (PR&RD, RWS, EFS&T).
The P.S to Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD, Department.
The PR&RD (Est.II) Department.
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